

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks North Star Borough****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel and Reconstuction

# Fairbanks North Star Borough - Carlson Center Improvements

**State Funding Requested:** \$2,800,000**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (7-11)

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project will renovate and upgrade a portion of the Carlson Activity Center to increase the available break-out space and upgrade the locker room facilities.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project:** \$5,700,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$1,500,000	FY09			\$600,000	FY10
Other Funds					\$800,000	FY10
Total	\$1,500,000				\$1,400,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Private Donations / University***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Over 50% of Fairbanks' visitors are cruise tour customers either entering or departing Alaska via cruiseship. The Carlson Center is the focal point of many tourism events and visitor activities, including the World Eskimo Indian Olympics, the Midnight Sun Festival and activities, 4th of July Celebration, and other riverside events enhancing the visitor experience while in Fairbanks. The ability for cruise company motorcoaches to safely navigate the Carlson Center entrance and departure areas is hampered by the current design.

Fairbanks' Carlson Center is the community's premier event facility hosting year-around functions from sporting activities to visitor conventions. The facility's interior design is in need of modification to meet growing demands and to correct deficiencies in traffic patterns and capacity for large scale events. Modifications to the Carlson Center are necessary to provide efficiency and will provide enhanced visitor services.

The Carlson Center improvement project begins with Phase I, currently in design. This \$1.5 million phase, funded by local funding sources, will improve lighting and entrance areas and add loading facilities to the north end of the building. This portion of the project is funded and will begin construction in the summer of 2009.

Phase II of the project will renovate one complete side of the building, adding space for multi-purpose rooms, a presentation area, and event participant amenities.

**Project Timeline:**

Phase I - 2009 design and construction

Phase II - 2010 design and construction

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

FNSB

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No